MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION 100 WEST RANDOLPH STREET, EIGHTH FLOOR CHAIRMAN'S CONFERENCE ROOM, CHICAGO, IL HELD ON JANUARY 21, 2014 AT 10:00 AM

Present at the meeting were:

Chairman Michael Latz
Commissioner Mario Basurto
Commissioner Michael Brennan
Commissioner Charles DeVriendt
Commissioner David Gore
Commissioner Kevin Lamborn
Commissioner Thomas Tyrrell

Participating via phone were:

Commissioner Daniel Donohoo Commissioner Steve Mathis Commissioner Ruth White

IWCC staff present were:

Ron Rascia, General Counsel Kim Janas, Secretary of the Commission

Chairman Latz called the meeting order and noted that a quorum was present. Chairman Latz asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes for the meeting held on November 26, 2013. There was a motion by Commissioner Basurto, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, and unanimously carried to approve these minutes.

Chairman Latz then provided a Commission update. He informed the Commissioners that the Chicago Tribune had recently published an editorial regarding workers' compensation in Illinois. The Commission's legal department is working on a memorandum regarding the evidentiary value of proposed decisions. This memorandum will summarize relevant case law and Commission rules to serve as a reference for the Commissioners and their staff. Following the conclusion of this meeting, Chairman Latz noted that he and his executive staff were scheduled to meet with the EC Ortiz audit team for their final conference on the most recent state-mandated performance and financial audit. Once a final version of the audit report is produced, Chairman Latz stated that he would provide a copy to each of the Commissioners for their review.

Chairman Latz asked if the Commissioners had any questions or concerns. Commissioner Gore inquired as to whether a computer could be placed in Trial Room 203 or 204 for use during the Commissioner's hearings. Chairman Latz stated that he would ask the IT Department to look into this matter.

There was a motion by Commissioner Mathis, seconded by Commissioner Lamborn, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.